

Parent Education & Mediation Fund (PEMF) Grant Recipients (July 2016 - June 2017)

The Tennessee Legislature enacted Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Tennessee Code Annotated to promote continuing parenting arrangements for families involved in divorce, legal separation, annulment, or separate maintenance proceedings, and for families that are involved in any other custody matters. Such arrangements reinforce the fundamental importance of the parent-child relationship to the welfare of the child. In order to help parents receive the necessary education and alternative dispute resolution services, the Tennessee Legislature established the Divorcing Parent Education and Mediation Fund (T.C.A. § 6-6-413).

West Tennessee

Exchange Club Family Center of the Mid-South - Memphis

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This program provides mediations services and supervised visitation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis to low income and indigent parties in the 30th Judicial District when one parent is ordered by the court to have all visits with the children closely monitored by professional staff. This program also provides information and assistance with the parenting plans to low income and indigent parents and domestic violence victims attending mandated divorce workshops. This program provides mediation services at no or low cost to parents referred to the Center by the Shelby County courts who are going through a divorce or other custody dispute.

Tomorrow's Hope PMC - Paris

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This program provides a Breakthrough Parenting Program Class at no cost to low income and indigent parties in order to help resolve family conflict in divorce, post-divorce, and custody matters in the 24th Judicial District.

Madison County Juvenile Court - Jackson

Madison County Juvenile Court

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This program is administered by a Pro Se Specialist who assists self-represented parents, referred by the 26th Judicial District child support offices, in developing and filing custody and visitation agreements in order to reduce adversarial proceedings and increase financial security for parents and children. This program also provides self-represented parties with forms, community resource information, and referrals to DHS offices, pro bono attorneys and pro bono or reduced fee mediators.

Training Resolved, LLC – greater Memphis

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This program administers a pro bono mediation clinic for low income and indigent parties with minor children to help resolve conflict in divorce, post-divorce, and other custody matters in the 30th Judicial District.

Middle Tennessee**The Family Center - Nashville**

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This program provides parenting skills classes at no or low cost to low income and indigent parents going through a divorce or other custody issue, including never married parents going through custody disputes in the 20th Judicial District.

Kymari House - Murfreesboro

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This program facilitates supervised, therapeutic visitation for low income and indigent parties going through a divorce or other custody matters at no or low cost to the parties in the 16th and 21st Judicial Districts.

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland (12th, 14th, 17th and 31st Judicial Districts)

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This program provides legal services for low-income domestic and sexual assault victims who have minor children involved in divorces, establishing parenting plans, modifying parenting plans, and enforcing parenting plans in the 12th, 14th, 17th, and 31st Judicial Districts, specifically Grundy, Franklin, Coffee, Bedford, Lincoln, Moore, and Warren Counties.

Middle Tennessee (continued)

Mid South Mediation Services – Hohenwald

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This program provides referrals and mediation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis to low income parties, indigent parties, and military servicemembers in the 21st Judicial District and surrounding districts. This program also provides parenting education seminars to never-married, low income and indigent parents as well as military servicemembers going through custody disputes.

The Mediation Center - Columbia

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This program administers a Mediator of the Day program in Maury County Juvenile Court to assist indigent self-represented litigants in custody matters in the 22nd Judicial District.

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center - Nashville

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This program provides mediation services for low income and indigent parties with minor children going through a divorce, post-divorce, or other custody issue in the 20th Judicial District.

East Tennessee

1st Judicial Court Clinic - Jonesborough

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This Court Clinic provides clinical social worker services such as supervised visitation, the gathering and verifying of litigant records, correspondence and written report work, parenting coordinator tasks, litigant evaluations, testimony, and mediation services for families involved in divorce and other private custody/visitation matters in the 1st Judicial District.

Community Mediation Center – Knoxville

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This program provides intake and domestic violence screening services for all parties identified in the 6th Judicial District who are voluntarily entering mediation or required to participate in mediation according to Parenting Plan Law. This program administers these services to and/or on behalf of low income and indigent self-represented clients. This program recruits Rule 31 mediators and coordinates mediations and Parent Education Courses.

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, Inc.'s Family Connections - Chattanooga

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This program facilitates supervised visitation for low income and indigent parties going through a divorce, post-divorce, or other custody issue at no or low cost to parties in the 11th Judicial District.